To: The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Maine Veterans' Services 117 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0117

REQUEST FILLED ON: DATE: _____BY: ____

REQUEST FOR GOLD STAR HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL

VETERAN INFORMATION			
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:		MI:
SSN:S	VC#:	DOB:_	
DATE OF DEATH:	RANK:		
BRANCH OF SERVICE:			
☐ ARMY ☐ MARINE CORPS ☐ OTHER:	S NAVY	☐ AIR FORCE	☐ COAST GUARD
DATES OF SERVICE:	TO	;	TO
War Time Service (Check all that apply)			
☐ World War II ☐ K		□ Vietnam War —	☐ Desert Shield/Storm
☐ Gold Star Honorable Service Lapel Pin (DD-1300 Military Certificate of Death must accompany application) I would like to attend an award ceremony to receive the above ☐ Yes or ☐ No, please mail to me.			
REQUESTORS NAME: Relationship to veteran: HOME ADDRESS:			
PHONE#: EMAIL:			
YOUR SIGNATURE /DATE REQUIRED HERE) Signature gives MVS permission to contact DVA if necessary to confirm service and death of individual on active duty			
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ON BACK OF FORM

State of Maine Gold Star Honorable Service Medal

a. Eligibility: Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in time of war and meet the following criteria may receive award of the Maine Gold Star Honorable Service Medal. Only one medal will be issued to the <u>primary</u> next-of-kin per qualifying individual. Only one Gold Star Honorable Service Lapel Pin will be issued to the <u>secondary</u> next-of-kin

b. Criteria:

- Resident of Maine upon entry on active duty tour and
- Killed-in-Action or died of non self-inflicted causes while deployed in support of combat operations on or December 7, 1941
- c. Recipient of Medal: Primary next-of-kin in order of priority.
 - Spouse as long as spouse has not remarried. Spouse and veteran must have been legally married in accordance with current Maine laws.
 - Eldest Child (biological or adopted)
 - Mother if veteran was not married and has no legal children
 - Father if Mother not living at time of award.
- Eldest sibling as long as veteran was not married, has no legal children (biological or adopted), and both parents are deceased.
- d. **Recipient of Lapel Pin:** <u>Secondary</u> next-of-kin in order of priority if there are no primary next-of-kin
 - Grandchild (eldest)
 - Niece/nephew (eldest)
 - Grandparents (maternal/paternal)
 - Aunt/uncle (eldest)
 - First Cousin (eldest)
 - Any other adult relative in descending order of blood relationship
- **d. Application:** Families of qualifying individual's s applying for the award must complete application form and forward the request along with a copy of DD Form 1300, Casualty Report attesting to the fact that an Honorable Discharge was granted and the veteran was a resident of Maine at the time of entry on active duty. Proof of service in a combat theater, POW, or MIA status is also required. In addition, your request must include a copy of proof of relationship as father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother or sister. This proof may be copies of birth, marriage, baptismal certificates which clearly show relationship, or a notarized certificate.

Presentation: Once eligibility has been verified, Maine Veterans' Services will contact primary next-of-kin and schedule a presentation ceremony.